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RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES, JUNE 25-

JULY 2

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: OECD COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES (CRBP) AND TWO OF ITS WORKING PARTIES MET BETWEEN JUNE 25 AND JULY 2. WORK ON A REPORT ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES OF MULTI-NATIONAL ENTERPRISES (MNE'S) CONTINUED AND A FIRST DRAFT OF A REPORT ON REGULATED INDUSTRIES WAS PRESENTED. NO MAJOR DECISIONS WERE TAKEN. END SUMMARY.

2. WORKING PARTY 11 ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES OF MNE'S MET ON JUNE 25 AND 30. FURTHER REVISIONS OF PARTS I AND II OF WP11'S REPORT WERE MADE, AND REVISION OF THE CHAPTER ON CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WAS BEGUN, BUT NOT CONCLUDED. US DEL NOTED RESISTANCE OF SOME MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY CANADA, UK AND SWEDEN, TO US POSITION ON INTRA-ENTERPRISE PRACTICES. SOME DIFFICULTY WAS ALSO NOTED WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED CHANGES DEALING WITH CONCLUSION ON POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MEANS AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERN-

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ING MNE'S. ALL THESE MATTERS WERE LEFT OPEN AND WILL

BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT THE NEXT MEETING OF WP11 DURING THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. THE REPORT IS TO BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER. WP11 IS ALSO CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE WORK, INCLUDING RESPONSIVENESS OF MNE'S TO THE COMPETITION SECTION OF THE GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY OECD ON JUNE 21. CRBP PLENARY AGREED TO SEND COMMENTS ON THE REVISED PARTS I AND II OF WP11'S REPORT ON MNE'S BY AUGUST 15.

3. WP3 ON NOTIFICATION AND COOPERATION MET ON JUNE 30. NOTIFICATIONS DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS WERE REVIEWED. WP RECOMMENDED TO ALL ITS MEMBERS AND TO CRBP THAT WHEN NOTIFICATIONS OR REQUESTS FOR CONSULTATION ARE TRANSMITTED, THEY SHOULD SPECIFICALLY REFER TO THE SPECIFIC OECD PROCEDURE BEING USED AND REQUEST THAT COPIES BE SENT TO THE ANTITRUST AUTHORITY, AS WELL AS THE FOREIGN OFFICE, IN THE RECEIVING COUNTRY. A REPORT BY THE SECRETARIAT ON THE OPERATION OF THE 1967 RECOMMENDATION ON NOTIFICATION WAS PRESENTED FOR DERESTRICTION SO THAT IT COULD BE MADE GENERALLY AVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH NOT PUBLISHED. THE NEXT MEETING OF WP3 WAS SET FOR DEC. 14.

4. DRAFT REPORT BY SECRETARIAT ON REGULATED INDUSTRIES, BASED ON THE 1974 WP10 QUESTIONNAIRE, WAS PRESENTED TO CRBP PLENARY. IT WAS AGREED IN CRBP THAT WP10, DORMANT FOR LAST TWO YEARS, WOULD MEET ON DEC. 13 AND REVISE DRAFT REPORT. HOWEVER, THERE WAS RESISTANCE BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, NOTABLY UK AND DENMARK, TO REVIVAL OF WP10. THE UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT ONLY THE REPORT ON REGULATED INDUSTRIES WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN DECEMBER, AND FUTURE WORK FOR WP10 WOULD BE DISCUSSED BY CRBP AT ITS MEETING IN DECEMBER. DAVIDOW OF US DELEGATION WILL ACT AS INTERIM CHAIRMAN OF WP10. COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REPORT ON REGULATED INDUSTRIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED BY OCT. 1. (NOTE: THE SECRETARIAT (GILMER) STATED THAT CRBP WORK WOULD BE HAMPERED BY THE REDUCTION OF ITS SECRETARIAT STAFF FROM THREE TO TWO PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS IN THE 1976 BUDGET.)

5. WP7 REPORTED IT WILL MEET AGAIN IN THE LAST WEEK OF UNCLASSIFIED

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SEPTEMBER AND WILL TRY TO PRESENT ITS REPORT ON TRADE-MARKS TO CRBP FOR APPROVAL AT ITS DECEMBER MEETING.

6. CRBP RECEIVED A REPORT BY THE UK DEL ON INDUSTRIAL CONCENTRATION IN THE UK, AS WELL AS ANNUAL REPORTS OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES. RECENTLY SIGNED US-FRG ANTI-TRUST COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND THE STATUS OF WORK IN THE UNITED NATIONS ON RBP SUBJECTS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

CRBP AGREED TO MEET AGAIN ON DEC. 15 AND 16.
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